

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2015
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK DUGAN:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND DAY OF APRIL, 2015, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

ROBIN BUSCH: PRESENT	GARY LOWE: PRESENT
JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT	GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT
PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT	STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT	

WORK SESSION:

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:

Mayor Robbins presented National Library Week proclamation to Elaine Menken, representative of the Ocean County Library (Manchester Branch)

Ms. Menken thanked the Governing Body and distributed informational flyers regarding upcoming library programs.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:33 p.m.

1. Request to serve alcoholic beverages at private event at the Community Center on April 3, 1015
2. Request to serve alcoholic beverages at private event at the Community Center on April 10, 2015

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE AFSCME BARGAINING UNIT IN THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY” (#15-03)

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: James Davis

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman McComas reported that the financial statement is being completed after which a budget meeting will be held.

Council President Oglesby reported that he and Councilman Lowe met with members of the fire department regarding vehicle maintenance.

Councilman Lowe reported that the fire department vehicles will be maintained by the Borough with a tire repair for 6201 scheduled for today. Mr. Lowe added that Blue Line is “looking into” electrical issues with 6223. Mr. Lowe further added that two vehicles will be removed from the fire department fleet--the assistant chief’s vehicle and the small brush truck which has a rear seal leak.

Council President Oglesby added that of the \$30,000 fire department budget, \$10,000 will be reserved for vehicle maintenance with any leftover funds returned to the fire department’s general fund.

Councilwoman Busch reported that spring time is a time for landscaping and added that Public Works has been busy at Lake Horicon and the Community Center. Mrs. Busch added that improvements to the fence at the memorial area at Lake Horicon will be completed before Memorial Day.

Mrs. Busch further added that the Borough may have to pay for pick up of used motor oil in the future.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:46 p.m.

Scott Liebowitz, 9 Bove Lane, addressed the Governing Body with a public safety concern. Mr. Liebowitz stated that Bove Lane measures fifteen feet across and there are no parking regulations on the street with thirteen occupied units creating a “choke point” on the street. Mr. Liebowitz expressed concern that emergency vehicles would not be able to access units due to the crowded roadway and added that it is “impossible to get around the parked cars.”

Borough engineer Alan Dittenhofer, who was in attendance, stated that the approvals for the townhouse project are in “accordance with New Jersey Residential Site Improvement Standards.” Mr. Dittenhofer stated that he will check the parking standards. Mr. Dittenhofer stated that the garage and driveway count as two parking spaces for the units.

Councilman Davis asked if the fact that the area is still “an ongoing construction site” is contributing to the problem.

Mr. Liebowitz stated that it has gotten “somewhat better.”

Mayor Robbins tasked Mr. Dittenhofer to “look into the matter.”

Maria Sessa, JCP & L representative, asked that the water plant generator needs be coordinated with JCP & L.

Mr. Dittenhofer stated that the specifications will be in accordance with electric company requirements.

Time closed: 7:59 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Clerk Dugan reads resolution to go into closed session:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, **and**

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lakehurst, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

